

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 85

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to the Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 11, Negrete McLeod. Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 71 between State Highway Route 60 and Central Avenue in San Bernardino County as the Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The state suffered a tragic loss on January 10, 2005, when, while working at the California Institution for Men in Chino, Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. was stabbed to death by an inmate; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez was born on September 15, 1961, in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in Santa Fe Springs, California; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez graduated from Pioneer High School in 1979 and thereafter attended Rio Hondo College from 1980 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, After enlisting in the United States Army, Officer Gonzalez served in Germany and then in Fort Carson, Colorado, and was honorably discharged in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Hired by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 1988, Officer Gonzalez proudly served the department for 17 years, working at the state prison in Corcoran, California, until 1993, at the state prison in Lancaster, California, until 1996, and at the California Institution for Men in Chino, California, until his death in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Considered a consummate professional, Officer Gonzalez was a well-respected and reliable employee who went beyond his duties in order to assist other staff members and worked diligently to make prison facilities more safe; and

WHEREAS, A lover of sports, Officer Gonzalez enjoyed watching NASCAR, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the University of Southern California basketball and football teams; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is remembered by his friends and family as a loving son, brother, husband, and father; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is survived by his parents Manuel and Bertha, his siblings David, Rosalina, and Dela, his children Mark, Steven, Roxanna, Jessica, Manuel, and Gustavo, his former wife Sylvia, his fiancée Tonia, and many beloved family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez will be greatly missed by his family and by all who knew him, and will always be remembered for his professionalism and dedication to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 71 between State Highway Route 60 and Central Avenue in San Bernardino County as the Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.